Cess on coal collected from consumers

535. SHRI ATAL BEHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of cess on coal collected so far from consumers by the public sector coal companies in different parts of the country and how much of the same has been handed over to the respective State Governments; and

(b) what steps Government propose to take to pass on the amount thus collected to the concerned State Governments at the earliest, in view of the resentments expressed by various State Governments about the non-payment thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI KALYAN SINGH KALVI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

Use of Contaminated Water in Hotel Corporation of India

536. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the kitchen of the Hotel Corporation of India had been found to be using contaminated water in the preparation of its meals to be served to passengers on board;

(b) if so, when was this detected;

(c) whether any responsibility in this regard has been fixed, if so, what action has been taken against those found guilty; and

(d) what steps have been taken to check the recurrence of the incident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) and (b) During a routine check on 20-11-90 five samples were taken for examination and one of them was found to be below the prescribed standards. Subsequent testing from the same outlet was found to be satisfactory.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Samples of food, water and general hygiene in Chefair are checked at regular intervals.

Vayudoot service in Maharashtra

537. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Bombay-Aurangabad-Nanded Vayudoot service has been discontinued;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when it is likely to be started again?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI HARMOHAN DHAWAN): (a) to (c) Vayudoot has been rationalising its route network in order to reduce its mounting losses and utilise its fleet in a more efficient manner. As a result, the number of stations in its network has been cut down from about 104 to 48 now. The operations to Nanded have been discontinued as a part of this rationalisation of Viyudoot's operations.

Health Services in Rural and Urban Areas

538. SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV:
SHRI SIKANDER BAKHAT:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the ratio of Government hospitals in urban and rural areas of the country;